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E. O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: REPORTING OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

REF: PARIS 313

1. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CRASH
NEAR PERPIGNAN REPORTED REFTEL.

2. BASED ON POLICE AND SGAC'S INVESTIGATORS' INITIAL
REPORT, AIRCRAFT STRUCK ABOUT 50 METERS BELOW MOUNTAIN
TOP IN STEEP WOODED AREA IN TOWNSHIP OF LA PRADELLE AT
PECH DE CARABATETS, FOREST OF AIGUES BONNES. SGAC
REPORT LISTS MAKE OF AIRCRAFT AS "CESSNA CONTINENTAL
180/182, AMERICAN MASSACHUSETTS 1967/68".

CODE LETTERS FOUND ON INSTRUMENT PANEL 182/57/557.

OWNER OF AIRCRAFT: UNKNOWN.

AIRCRAFT ENGINE: UNIDENTIFIABLE.

SCATTERED SKELETONS OF A MAN, A WOMAN AND CHILD
FOUND AT WRECKAGE SITE; ALSO LICENSE MADE OUT TO
WILLENGE KLATWIK.

AIRCRAFT DESTROYED AND SCATTERED OVER A 30 METER
AREA. THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THERE HAD BEEN FIRE IN
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TWO PLASTIC PLAQUES WERE FOUND BEARING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (A) LOUIS/C/BURGERS NR 2486/13366/009 DELIVERED IN 1967 VALID OCTOBER 1972. (B) NR 02 0963R/NA/70/S/BH/1/D/A/G/C/1/327/S/0/LA SALLE/ST/CHICAGO.

3. ALTHOUGH ALMOST UNREADABLE, PAPERS FOUND AT WRECKAGE SITE PERMITTED THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION: PILOT'S NAME: BURGERS LOUIS CHRISTIAN BORN IN ROTTERDAM 8/7/31 OR 1/8/31, LIVING 327 S. LASALLE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604. TEL: LC 01807/4024 (SIC). WIFE: KLAPWIK WILLEMPTE BURGERS BORN ROTTERDAM 9/3 OR 3/9/45. ALSO FOUND ON HER WAS MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR AIRMAN QUALIFIED ON CESSNA 150 VALID UNTIL 2/10/72.

4. SEARCH AND RESCUE AUTHORITIES IN PARIS GAVE US FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO: AIRCRAFT ON VFR FLIGHT ROTTERDAM TO GERONA REPORTED PASSING OVER VICHY AT 1308 HOURS. AT 1445 HOURS PERPIGNAN RECEIVED A ONE-WAY COMMUNICATION FROM UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT BELIEVED TO BE N3557 F REPORTING POSITION OVER MENDE. NO FURTHER COMMUNICATION HAVING BEEN RECEIVED, PERPIGNAN CALLED GERONA TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF AIRCRAFT. AN EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED AT 1622 HOURS. PERPIGNAN CALLED ALL AIRPORTS IN AREA TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY UNSCHEDULED LANDING HAD BEEN MADE. BY 1745 HOURS ALL AIRPORTS HAD REPORTED NEGATIVE. AT 1830 HOURS AIR AND GROUND SEARCH STARTED IN FRANCE AND SPAIN AND LASTED UNTIL JUNE 16.

5. SGAC IS CARRYING OUT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION WITH HELP LOCAL GENDARMERIE WHICH FIRST REPORTED FINDING OF WRECKAGE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: SGAC WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND FAA MAY HAVE ON TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS OF PILOT BURGERS WHEN HE APPLIED FOR FAA LICENSE. RUSH

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